



Meeting Minutes – February 16, 2016

2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Community Service Building

Suite 105/Room 105

100 West 10th Street

Wilmington, DE 19801

Council Attendance: Madeleine Bayard, Rodel Foundation; Heidi Beck, Delaware Head Start Association; Martha Buell, University of Delaware; Mary Kate Mouser, Nemours Health and Prevention Services; Leslie Newman, Children and Families First; Susan Perry-Manning, Office of Early Learning; Debbie Taylor, Child Care Aware of America; Kelli Thompson, Nemours Health & Prevention Services

Others in Attendance: Dawn Alexander, D. Dusty Blakey, Allison Constable, Daphne Y. Evans, Ariel Ford, Melissa Froemming, Carmen Gallagher, Jason Gardner, Cynthia Gibbs, Caitlin Gleason, Rena Hallam, Paula Holloway, Beth Inter, Lynn Kelley, Renee Kottenhahn, Kim Krzanowski, Mary Moor, Romisha Robinson, Hadey Salem, Gwendolyn Sanders, Annette Searfoss, Marcie Shahan, Deborah Thomas, Betty Gail Timm, Sherry Dorsey Walker

1. Welcome and Call to Order

- Mary Kate Mouser welcomed everyone.

2. Review and Approval of Minutes

- Meeting minutes were not reviewed at this meeting.
- There will be two sets of meeting minutes to approve at the March 10, 2016 Council meeting.

3. Announcements

- Susan Perry-Manning referenced the “FY17 Budget Request” document, <http://decc.delaware.gov/files/2015/12/FY17-Recommended.pdf>. This document shows the break down for the FY17 Early Learning budget request of \$11.3 million.
 - The Joint Finance Committee Hearing is February 17, 2016.
- Madeleine Bayard referenced the “Early Childhood Advocates” document, http://decc.delaware.gov/files/2016/02/Early_Childhood_Advocates-08-1.pdf this document is currently being used as a messaging document for the Delaware Early Childhood Council.
- Mary Kate Mouser thanked everyone who attended and worked on the Governor’s Birth to 8 Summit and mentioned that any feedback on the Summit was welcome.

4. Child Care Development Fund Plan for Delaware (CCDF) – Belvie Herbert

- Belvie Herbert presented on the Child Care Development Fund Plan for Delaware: <http://decc.delaware.gov/files/2015/12/CCDF-Public-Hearing-2016.pdf>.
- The Child Care Development State Plan is due by March 1, 2016 and full implementation deadline, if approved, is June, 2016 through September 2018.
- Written comments are due by 4:30p.m. Monday, February 22, 2016.

- The group offered substantive input on the draft Plan for Delaware, which is summarized in a letter presented to DHSS-DSS after the meeting, and can be referenced here:
<http://decc.delaware.gov/files/2015/12/Herbert-CCDF-Plan-Council-Input.pdf>.

5. Adjourn

- Mary Kate thanked everyone for coming.
- The next Council meeting will be March 10, 2016 from 9:00a.m. to 11:00a.m. at Nemours Health and Prevention Services - Wells Fargo Tower 8th Floor Large Conference Room, 2200 Concord Pike, Wilmington, DE 19803.
- Mary Kate adjourned the meeting at 4:32 p.m.